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As we head towards the official opening of London 2012, Met Office forecasters are expecting showers to affect parts of south east England, potentially affecting the archery competition. A few of the showers could turn heavy and potentially thundery, but there will be sunny spells between.

Andy Page, Chief Forecaster at the Met Office said: "Although there will be showers through the day, these are likely to clear away through the evening. This will leave a mainly fine end to the day with just a low risk of a shower passing directly over the Stadium during the ceremony."

The Olympic Games opening ceremony and sporting events have been designed and planned with the British weather in mind. The Met Office have been working with LOCOG, providing both longer term planning information and up to the minute details on the likely weather conditions for both the ceremonies and sporting events. Our forecasts will help them showcase all that Great Britain has to offer, including our weather.

As the first full day of competition starts on Saturday, bright and sunny spells and scattered showers will affect much of the UK, although the southern half of the UK will hang on to a good deal of dry weather. It will be generally much cooler and fresher. Showers are more likely on Sunday across all parts of the UK, with some of them heavy.

You can keep up to date with our weather forecasts on our website or with our specific Olympic forecasts for each sport.

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